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SGA Elections!

Log on to Pirates' Cove to vote
from 9 a.m. March 4 to 9 a.m.
March 6.

Student meal cards: Convenient or costly?

AASU's current meal plan restrictive to students

By Patrick Fina
Photo and Graphic Arts Editor

We've all seen those Visa commercials where one unlucky customer attempts to make a purchase with cash or check and disrupts the entire flow of the store, angering every customer surrounding them.

This commercial may not be an exaggeration, however, with time becoming such a valuable commodity among Americans, many state convenience as the foremost factor in the surge of plastic replacing paper money.

But is this the right approach for college students living on campus, whose dormitories already have kitchens?

Housing Director Corey Reedy believes the answer is multifaceted.



Photo by Katie Corbitt

"I think that you should get whatever you didn't spend on your meal plan back because it's rightfully yours," said Lakeisha Williams (right) as she purchased her lunch.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

CUB presents comedian Corey Holcomb

Lav Luv will open for Corey Holcomb at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 1. Students, faculty and staff can get up to four tickets free of charge at the Student Activities Office until Feb. 29; on the day of the performance all tickets are \$10. For more information, contact the office of Student Activities at (912) 927-5300.

Gospel Choir Spring Concert

AASU's Gospel Choir will perform at 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 2 in the Fine Arts Auditorium. For more information, contact Lottie Scott at (912) 921-2394 or scottlot@mail.armstrong.edu.

Phi Alpha Delta Meal Deals

Phi Alpha Delta will sell burgers and hot dogs with a choice of potato chips and soda or water for \$2. The fundraiser will support PAD and will be held at Shearouse Plaza from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5.

French Movie Night

The French club presents "Days of Glory," a film in French with English subtitles, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, in University Hall Rm 157. For more information, contact Dorothee Mertz-Weigel at (912) 927-5386 or dorothee.mertz-weigel@armstrong.edu.

Faculty Lecture Series

Associate professor of Political Science/Comparative Politics José de Arimatéia da Cruz will give a talk titled "The Japanese in Brazil: 1908-2008," at 12:10 p.m. on Friday, March 7, in University Hall Rm 156.

Silver 'A' Award for Service

Applications are available in the Student Activities Office for the 2008 Silver 'A' Award for Service. Armstrong recognizes six seniors at the April Awards Convocation who have made significant contributions in service to the university. Recipients are selected by the Student Activities Committee and must expect to graduate by December 31, 2008 in order to be considered. The deadline for submitting Silver 'A' applications is March 9.

An Evening of Elegance



Dorquetta Johnson, Alexis Pope, and Candace Jackson, members of Delta Sigma Theta, have fun at "An Evening of Elegance," Feb. 23.



Students pose for a photo at "An Evening of Elegance," hosted by the Office of Minority Affairs Feb. 23.

Photos by Stephanie Cooper

The "Invisible Man" on campus

Mayor Otis Johnson reflects on his experience as a student at Armstrong

By Yvette Wheeler
Staff Writer

The second black mayor in Georgia, Mayor Otis Johnson, was the first black student admitted to Armstrong State College after the Supreme Court issued the landmark "Brown v. BOE" decision in 1954.

In 1963, more than sixty students came from Savannah State College to pick up applications for Armstrong State College. Johnson was the first admitted.

"It was part of the Civil Rights protests that was going on in the city at the time," he said. "It was segregated. And we were desegregating everything that was segregated ... and it tied into the boycotting that was going on at Savannah State, and I transferred from Savannah State to Armstrong."

Armstrong State College was considered the gateway to the university system for students who lived in Savannah and were not admitted in their initial attempt to go to the university. By earning an associate's degree, students could transfer to the University of Georgia if their grades were high enough. At that point in time, the



Photo courtesy of Mayor Johnson's office

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AASU recycles?

More education and awareness needed in addition to voluntary efforts

By Kelley Fahy
Staff Writer

AASU is "trying hard to increase the recycling" on campus, Dr. Don Emmeluth, professor of biology, said.

The "Biology Club does a lot to raise awareness on campus ... the Ecology Club start[ed] the effort, and then it was absorbed by the Biology Club."

Dr. Tom Jones, president of AASU, stated via e-mail that the "recycling efforts at Armstrong are growing by small steps."

Jones said the efforts in-

clude recycling office paper (via blue bins), fluorescent light bulbs, metal scrap cardboard boxes and electronic scrap (computer monitors and other computer hardware).

The blue bins for recycling office paper are located in various buildings throughout the campus.

Using the blue bins over the course of a year makes it possible to remove over 26 tons of office paper from the waste stream annually.

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Recycling containers like these for paper can be found throughout campus.

NEWS

Calendar of Events

- March 1: Longview Community Services Association meeting at 10 a.m. in Sports Center RM 223
- March 3: SGA meeting at noon in Science Center RM 1405
Wesley Fellowship Luncheon at noon in University Hall RM 157
- March 4: Fellowship of Christian Athletes at 9 p.m. in Sports Center RM 223
- March 5: Hudson Mathematics and Computing Colloquium at noon in University Hall RM 158
Health Sciences Student Association monthly meeting at noon in Solms Hall RM 108
- March 7: Faculty Forum meeting at noon in Solms Hall RM 110
CUB meeting at noon in University Dining Room

Love beats Darwin

Dr. Jane V. Rago speaks on theories and social change

By Brian Francone
Staff Writer

Eugenics, as defined by Merriam-Webster, is “a science that deals with the improvement (as by control of human mating) of hereditary qualities of a race or breed.” In other words, people shouldn’t reproduce for love, but because the two people are a good genetic match. Jane Rago, a temporary assistant professor of Eng-

lish, spoke on how Darwinian theory affected Victorian culture and also touched on how female writers used novels to push social change. “As Darwinian theory took a stronger hold, Eugenics became more thoroughly ingrained and pushed women’s issues to the forefront of rights issues at the time,” Rago said. About 40 people attended the lecture in University Hall on Friday, Feb. 8, most related in some way to the Eng-

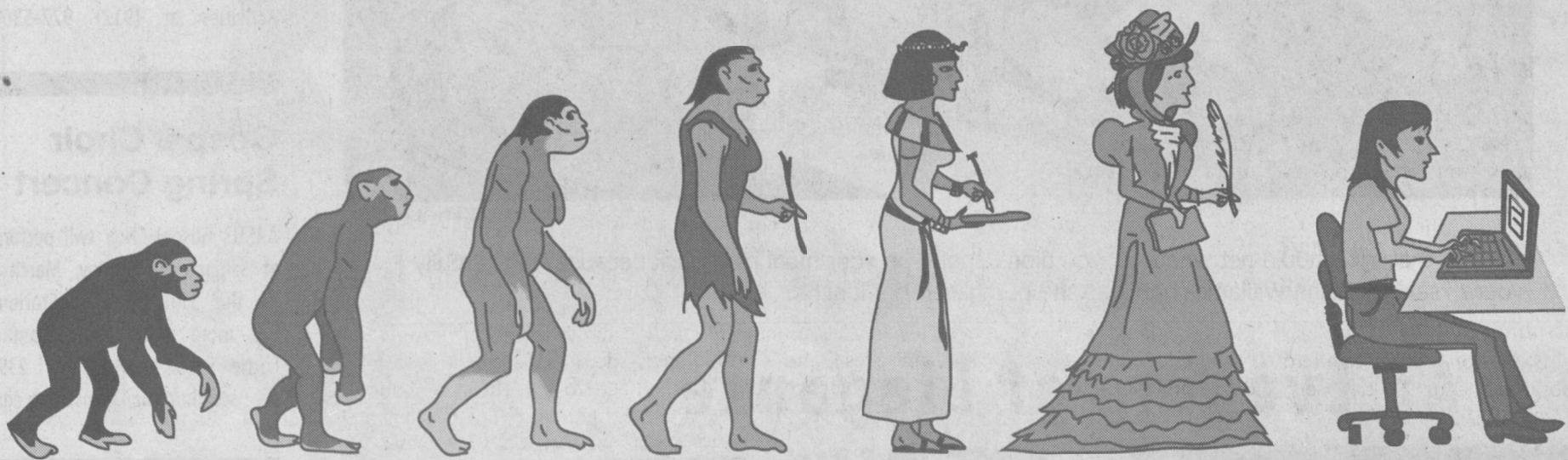
lish department, but there were even a couple of faculty from the Biology department. “I thought it was fascinating,” said Carol Jamison, an associate professor of English. “She’s writing on something that you don’t normally read or hear about.” Rago took questions from the audience after all of the talk of genetic matches over the flirtive nature of love. The last question of an audience member

was, “Is love enough?” “Love conquers all,” Rago replied.

More Lectures

March 07 - José de Aripmatéia da Cruz, an associate professor of Political Science/Comparative Politics, will give a talk titled “The Japanese in Brazil: 1908-2008.” March 28 - Jane T. Barnard, an associate pro-

fessor of Mathematics, will speak on “Georgia on My Mathematical Mind.” April 18 - Marilyn O’Mallon, an assistant professor of Nursing, will give a lecture titled “Vulnerable Populations: Exploring a Family Perspective of Grief.” Each lecture will be held in University Hall 156 at 12:05 p.m. They last about an hour.



Graphic by Brian Anderson

Phi Alpha Delta President Kelley Fahy helps kids in no-win situations

By Rachael Hartman
Staff Writer



Photo by Rachael Hartman

Kelley Fahy, president of Phi Alpha Delta, AASU’s pre-law co-ed fraternity, found her place to serve the community as a CASA volunteer. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate; it is a volunteer program for people wanting to legally help abused and neglected kids in the middle of custody battles. The non-profit organization falls under the umbrella of the United Way. Fahy and other volunteers befriend children in custody of Division of Family and Children Services (DFACS) while assessing home situations. They aim to find out what the child thinks and feels about his or her living situation. The final assessment has a big impact on which party gets custody. “You’re their friend. You look out for their best interest. If he wants to go home with mom or grandmom, you assess whether the house is good for him. You go to his school, talk with the counselor, teachers [and] whoever you can get. Then you assess the situation and that is what you tell the court,” Fahy explained. “DFACS has their lawyer, mom and dad have their lawyer and everyone is ideally there for the kid’s best interest, but the kid doesn’t

actually get his voice—so I’m his voice in the courtroom.” DFACS and CASA have the same ideological goals—to fight for the best interest of the child—but their representatives have no communication, and they sit on opposite sides of the courtroom. This way they act as a check and balance for each other. If both parties come up with the same assessment, the decision is doubly confirmed. Fahy completed an intense training course before she was assigned to her first CASA kid. “In the course that I took we had bankers, teachers, secretaries [and] retirees. The only requirement, age-wise, is that you are 21 or older. Everyone has a criminal background check done that goes through the FBI.” Volunteers are assigned to only one case at a time and are required to visit the child at least once or twice a month to assess the child’s situation. CASA requires a one-year commitment from appointed volunteers. While assigned to a case, CASA volunteers have a legal right to view all of the child’s records - including medical records. All contact, phone calls, activities and time spent with the child must be logged and turned in to the CASA office. Coordinators at the office are available to give encouragement, but the full responsibility of the assessment is up to the volunteer. After the case is finalized, it is up to the volunteers and families whether or not they stay in touch, depending on the situation and preferences of those involved. “The little boy I have at the moment is in the hospital. I’m trying to get him comfortable with me. He is only six. He wouldn’t talk to me the first little while; he would just look at me ... We were watching ‘The Land

Before Time’ one day, and I asked him, ‘Do you like dinosaurs?’ and he said ‘yep’. We play Sonic together. He is getting better - starting to laugh and talk to me.” Fahy is majoring in criminal justice with a minor in legal studies. She wants to be a lawyer someday, but for now she is glad for the opportunity to be involved in the court system as a CASA volunteer. “I think it definitely takes a willingness to want to help. I think you have to be dedicated to a certain extent. Time management is great. Anybody from any walk of life can do it.” Fahy’s desire to help abused and neglected children is greater than any apprehension she may have had when she first started as a CASA volunteer. “You never know what you’re getting into. The basics that we have to look for are electricity, running water, a place to sleep, not infested. If you see a big screen TV and you don’t see food in the fridge, it makes you wonder ‘What are they spending their money on? [They] have a kid.’ “I’ve heard of some volunteers that won’t go to their houses without their coordinator because they are scared.” There is a risk, but not always from the neighborhood. Parents and guardians can become easily upset. “You’re messing with someone’s kid. That is very serious. People are ... emotional. They can get really mad. They can get really angry. I’m going in there trying to be everyone’s friend, but when we go into court and they see my evaluation ... They may be like ‘I thought you were on my side.’ I have to be really careful with what I’m saying.” For more information on becoming a CASA volunteer, call (912) 447-8909 or visit www.savannahcasa.org.

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University of Georgia had already been desegregated. “I can’t say that the previous African-Americans who applied weren’t qualified, but the timing wasn’t right. I had the right qualifications and I consider the timing being right,” Johnson said. “There were two sets of faculty members: one that welcomed me and tried to make me feel comfortable and accepted, and another that just gave me what I call the ‘Invisible Man’ treatment. They acted as if I were not there—they didn’t speak; they didn’t interact in any

way that they didn’t have to.” Mostly a loner on campus, he talked with people from Students for a Democratic Society (SDS). “Those were the only folk that really associated with me, and they were making a political statement.” He said that he “didn’t have to deal with any isolation or anything like that. I went over there, took care of my business and came back into my community.” He graduated in the spring of 1964, with one year at Savannah State and

a little more than one year at Armstrong under his belt with a major in liberal arts. His fondest memory was of graduation: “It was in the Desoto hotel on a Sunday afternoon, before they built the new one...they totaled the one I graduated in ... Most blacks couldn’t stay there, and so the only blacks that were there were working and then the guests I invited to my graduation, and that was a very proud day.”

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They can take office paper, folders, booklets, manuals, data processing paper, copy paper, junk mail and other office paper items. However, there are some limits, as they cannot accept telephone books, foam, plastic items, food contaminated items, bottles, cans and other such waste in the bins. AASU has recycled fluorescent light bulbs since 1995 since the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandates it. Mandatory recycling is because they contain mercury and other heavy metals that can contaminate the ground water sources. Recycling of metal scrap and cardboard boxes tends to be a “less noticed effort,” Jones said. These containers are primarily used by AASU Plant Operations. The containers for recycling these items are located behind the new Stu-

dent Recreation Center. The electronic scrap recycling program began on campus in 2000. It includes the recycling of computer monitors and other computer hardware. “Many of the older monitors contain as much as 6 lbs of lead a. The monitors and other related electronic scrap is sent to the Georgia Department of Administrative Services for recycling through a statewide effort of all state agencies,” Jones said. Armstrong student, Cynthia Foster, stated that “there should be as many recycling containers as trash cans.” She believes that “If there were a paper/can recycling bin in more areas students would use them instead of the rubbish [containers].” Recycling bins for plastic bottles and cans are also placed sporadically throughout the campus. There are bins for plastic bottles in the Science Center and there is

one for cans in the cafeteria. Dr. Jones believes that while a lot of bins are placed across campus, “there is always room for more.” If anyone needs to acquire blue bins, Plant Operations can provide one upon request. Environmental Services Coordinator, David Roberts, can provide additional bins. Since the bins collect office paper they cannot be placed outside as they absorb moisture, but any placed inside buildings are acceptable. Since the recycling effort is a voluntary one, Dr. Jones believes that we should apply our “University’s theme of ‘Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow’ and make efforts to provide additional recycling efforts to the campus. In doing this, and educating our students, faculty and staff in the benefits of recycling, the campus as a community can exhibit our theme.”

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There's no business...

Going out to a restaurant, you end up having to wait an hour for a table and when you do get in, the whole place is crowded and noisy. The service is slow and the food is overpriced and tastes lousy. Ultimately, you leave the establishment feeling dissatisfied.

Now, no right-minded person would bother going back to a place like that. So why on earth do people keep dutifully supporting the mill of disappointment that is Hollywood?

In fairness, there have been several amazing movies in 2007, such as "Juno" and "There will be Blood," but it is in the opinion of this editorial board that the vast majority of modern cinema is excrement on celluloid. Does that seem a little harsh?

Well, just look up the movie listings in the newspaper and see for yourself. You should get up to about "Step Up 2: The Streets" before you start to feel vomit rising in your throat. And even though most of them are outright terrible, the movie studios are willing to bet that you'll have to settle on one eventually, that you're so used to going to see a movie as a part of your weekend that you just wouldn't know what else to do with yourself; after all, it just wouldn't be dinner-and-a-movie night without a screening of "Alvin and the Chipmunks" now would it?

But let's face it, the blame should rest with movie patrons. It's just that people

don't go to see a new movie because the story seems intriguing or provocative anymore; they go to see it because Will Ferrell (or the new flavor of the week) makes a fart noise with his mouth or does a pratfall – or because the trailer leads you to believe that you might see some boob.

Hollywood operates like any other business, of course. If they can get away with selling you chopped liver for the price of filet mignon, they will.

And if the litany of upcoming 2008 films is any indication, you're going to be eating your fair share of floor sweepings.

So here come the summer blockbusters, heralded by their multi-million dollar ad campaigns. And Americans will pay to see them, good or bad. They'll pay their hard-earned money to see the endless sequels, prequels and remakes – and they'll practically beg for more. And why not? Their interests will be satisfied as long as their appetite for cheap sex and violence has been thoroughly glutted.

What makes this unholy union of film and popular culture – this self-cannibalization of the entertainment industry – so dreadful is that Hollywood continues to use our beloved childhood memories as so much grist for the mill.

They are constantly infringing on our past experiences with television and cinema, perverting all of that in order to turn a dime. Ask yourself, did movies like

"Fat Albert" or "The Super Mario Bros." really need to be adapted into live-action movies – or at all, for God's sake?

If that's not enough, you can actually expect to see a "Smurfs" movie in the near future. This classic 80s cartoon standard is going to be reduced to one of those off-season, disposable CGI affairs, something that'll be in a DVD bargain bin within three months.

And to your potential disgust, there's also going to be a "Speed Racer" movie – and count on versions of "Thundercats," "Jetsons" and "Where the Wild Things Are" as well.

They're actually in talks about making an "A-Team" movie. That's right, yet another television show of the 80s. And just to twist the proverbial knife in our backs, the actor slated to play the gruff-but-loveable "B.A." Baracus is Ice Cube – not Mr. T. And despite the in-your-face objections of the clearly more-deserving actor, the producers of this new movie will just remain fools to be pitied.

We're supposed to feel a connection to the characters in a movie, to feel personally



Graphic by Seth Vargas

involved in the conflicts that are going on in their lives, not just being strung along an easily predictable plot for two hours, punctuated with vampires and explosions.

Of course, some movies are meant to dazzle us; that's where things such as CGI and special effects are supposed to come in, but you can't expect a movie to rely on that alone, which was the case in such critical flops as "Transformers."

There's Hollywood magic and then there's plot, as intelligent movie-goers we should be able to ap-

preciate the difference.

Just like any other part of our American economy, the movie industry operates under the supply and demand principle: If you go to see these bad movies then they're just going to keep making them – and we all suffer the consequences (because someone has to be blamed for "Norbert").

So don't feel that you have to settle on a movie that you probably didn't want to see in the first place. After all, there are always better alternatives.

Savannah is as steeped in shows and entertainment

as any other metropolitan area, maybe even more so because of our unique historic and artsy locality.

There are museums, galleries, architectural sites and almost a never-ending array of clubs and bars, so do you really need to waste \$10 on a meaningless, time-filling movie?

Not only would you be supporting our local business and organizations, but you'd be sending the lazy, bloated movie industry a very pertinent message: "I'm as mad as hell, and I'm not going to take this anymore!"

The media-educated society of Chile

A vision of the Chilean media from a student traveler

By José L. Parada
Guest Columnist

After the last forty years of difficult political problems Chile has finally achieved democratic stability and a good level of freedom of the press.

Traditionally, the most influential newspapers in Chile have been "La Tercera" and "El Mercurio," both present slightly different perspectives of the Chilean society but within a range of center and conservative.

"El Mercurio" is the oldest newspaper in the Spanish-speaking world, and it is a powerful institution to form public opinion in the country, whereas "La Tercera" shows a more liberal perspective. Both of them show a wide coverage of national and international news.

Nevertheless, people prefer a different kind of newspaper: the tabloids, which are interested in a more frivolous and superficial kind of news.

Examples of this sort of publication are "La Cuarta" and "Las Ultimas Noticias." Both of these publications are characterized by a more sensational treatment of the news and are usually concerned with gossiping about social celebrities. An interesting feature about these papers, particularly "La Cuarta," is the vocabulary and style of writing. Even if you are a native Spanish speaker like I am, you can encounter serious problems knowing what they mean, as they are usually full of slang or humorous metaphors. If

you are a non-native speaker, you will probably be at a loss.

But these tabloids belong to the major editorial houses; therefore, "Las Ultimas Noticias" belongs to the series of publications of "El Mercurio," whereas La Cuarta is associated with "La Tercera." As a matter of fact, this kind of newspaper actually supports the serious newspapers because of their massive circulation.

At the regional level, we have the local newspapers, which must fight every day against the powerful influence of the national dailies under very difficult economic conditions.

It is a sad reality that in many cases it ends with the local papers being bought by the big ones. Although, the people usually prefer to read the news in the national publications, they only realize the importance of their local ones when they lose them.

A last, but not less important, point about newspapers in Chile is that in recent years there has been an enormous growth of all sorts of specialized publications—especially magazines and college newspapers. These are commonly monthly editions because it is hard to find sponsors. They usually present news related to university life and also motivate the students' participation in different kinds of activities. I am a very enthusiastic supporter of these kinds of publications and have collaborated in two of them: "Tercer Milenio" and "Vina5."

In the field of radio the

AM stations have almost disappeared in the country.

Most of them are FM stations, and, again, they serve the interests of specific groups.

FM stations feature magazine programs and lots of pop music in English, which has increased as a consequence of globalization.

Chilean folk music is rarely heard except for the days of our national celebration in September. Programs of classical music are also scarce, and you can find them only on radio programs sponsored by universities.

An interesting feature about radio programs, as is shown by several national polls, is that they are the most reliable institutions in the country.

People consider radios to be a dependable and useful service everywhere in the country.

This is because radios offer news, music and programs in addition to an important service for communities: In the small and remote islands of our crazy southern geography, for instance, radios are used to send messages within the islands—to schedule an appointment with the doctor or send family messages.

This happens because sometimes the telephone or internet, because of the harsh condition of the terrain and weather, simply do not work, and the only way to communicate with the continent is by the radio.

In Chile there are four main TV channels, all of

them commercially oriented.

When TV first appeared around the 1960s, the government allowed only the universities to operate TV stations in order to guarantee a certain level of cultural programming.

However, the system did not work, and today, although some universities still maintain their TV stations, particularly channel 13 of the Catholic University, there also private corporations with commercially oriented programming.

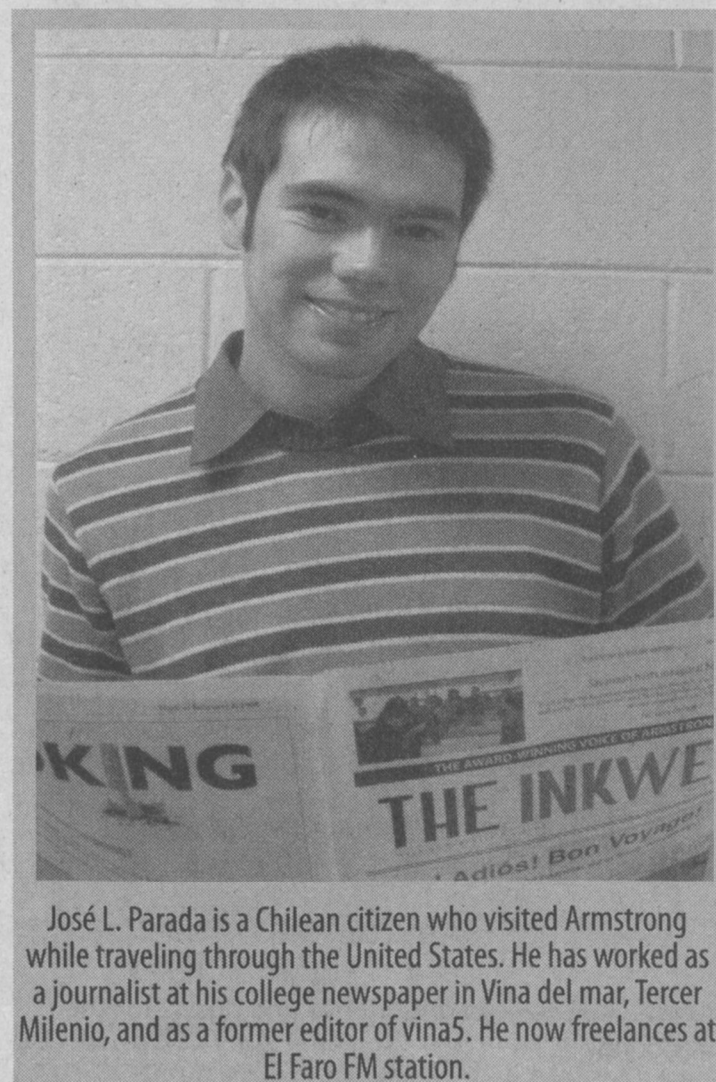
All of those channels offer lots of "light"

magazine programs.

Recently, I read that Chile has the dubious distinction of being the country with more hours of programs of social and frivolous gossiping in North or South America.

There are few programs of real merit, but people, and especially youngsters, spend a lot of time in front of the TV—at least three or four hours a day.

Therefore, TV is the great "educator" of the Chilean society.



José L. Parada is a Chilean citizen who visited Armstrong while traveling through the United States. He has worked as a journalist at his college newspaper in Vina del mar, Tercer Milenio, and as a former editor of vina5. He now freelances at El Faro FM station.

Letter to the Editor

Did anyone catch the picture of the "laptop thief?" Yeah, front page. How about the one of the P-card cheat? You didn't see it? You must have missed that issue. What's that? It was never printed? That can't be!

My initial thought after seeing the picture of the young black male "thief," was that it was not fair, considering that just weeks prior, there was no accompanying photo to the story of our University's Vice President of Business and Finance "retiring" after his questionable charges on a state-issued credit card finally caught up with him.

After I recalled the omission, my bet was that the VP was a white man.

A campus weekly should be on the progressive end of information distribution.

This error in judgment—to print a picture of a black laptop thief while obviously omitting that of a white university VP thief—indicates how much racial disparity exists in media, and how much further we, as a society have to grow.

In my history class we recently discussed the misconception that more college-aged black men are in prison than in college. According to census data, the number of black men in college is five times the number of those incarcerated.

I'm convinced that blatant racist errors such as these play a major role in the stereotypes regarding black men. My current hope is that "Yes We Can" indeed change them, given that our upcoming presidential election will afford us the opportunity to do so, in a historic way.

Iman F. Richards

SPORTS

Calendar of Events: Home Games

Feb. 27: Basketball vs. Francis Marion @ 5:30 p.m., Tennis vs. GCSU @ 2:00 p.m.

March 1: Baseball vs. Findlay @ 2:00 p.m., AASU Tennis vs. Lander @ 11:00 a.m., AASU Basketball vs. at Lander @ 4:00 p.m.

March 2-14: Armstrong Hosts Baseball's 2008 Savannah Invitational

March 3: Baseball vs. Findlay @ 2:00 p.m., Softball vs. UNC Pembroke @ 1:00 p.m.

March 5: Baseball vs. Wayne State (Neb.) @ 2:00 p.m., Softball vs. Lenoir-Rhyne @ 1:00 p.m.

March 6: Baseball vs. Findlay @ 2:00 p.m., Softball vs. Catawba @ 4:00 p.m. and @ 6:00 p.m.

March 7: Baseball vs. West Liberty State @ 2:00 p.m.

Nutritional seminar gives students the health tips they need

By Quatoyiah Murry
Sports Editor

Healthy dieting was the main topic of the nutrition seminar held on Feb. 22. Lighten Up Armstrong University sponsored the seminar for its weight loss program, but it was open to the public to teach students proper eating regimens. Coordinator Jenna Kosh explained her goals for the program by stating that the seminar was an attempt to help clear

up any myths or mysteries about healthy eating. The speaker, master of public health student Shannon Cosgrove, presented the attendees with a slide show of informative information to further the health of students. Cosgrove discussed the fundamentals of calorie intake for both men and women, while also informing the attendees of nutrition basics. She explained meal portion sizes as well as a

break down of the food pyramid and the correct amount of food that should be eaten based on USDA information. Cosgrove clarified the best foods to eat despite popular belief, such as the negatives of enriched whole grain breads vs. the superior 100 percent whole grain bread. The seminar covered numerous ways to focus on healthy eating for college students, even through fast foods and restaurant dining, and it gave simple

grocery shopping tips and food label reading help. Cosgrove expressed the importance of healthy dieting and exercise as the first step to weight loss, as opposed to the more modern examples of crash dieting or fat burner pills and supplements. Although it is too late to join LUAU's weight loss program, Kosh stresses that help is still available to students interested in starting at the base of the pyramid and working their way up.

Rain can't stop the fun

Rain moves the Intramural Field Ceremony and Cookout inside

By Demetrius Stinson
Staff Writer

Students and faculty gathered together Feb. 21 for the Intramural Field Ceremony and Cookout, and cookout but rain moved the onlookers inside. The ceremony included the first annual staff vs. student event, which consisted of a game of whiffle ball. Recreation center assistant Laura Peaty expressed her satisfaction with the turnout of the event, despite the disastrous weather. "The program is going really well and I'm pleased with

the direction of our program. Over the past month, the new president of our sports program has really gotten things going and we're really happy with what he's been able to accomplish so far," Peaty said. Peaty said students can keep up with the records and schedules of the various intramural sports in the recreation center. Students are encouraged to join the existing intramural teams. For more information contact the recreation center at (912) 921-2339.

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Pirates victorious over Columbus State Cougars

By Kathryn Palmer
Staff Writer

The Pirates squeezed in a PBC victory, 79-77, over Columbus State Cougars (12-15, 8-9 PBC) on Feb. 21 at Alumni Arena. The Pirates and Cougars began strong with continuous points coming from both sides. The Cougars slipped ahead going into the second half with a one-point lead, 39-38. In the second half, senior Jamaal Galloway's back-to-back three-pointers gave AASU a 74-69 lead with two minutes remaining. Franchot Brown's lay-up stretched the lead to seven with just 1:23 left in the game. The Cougars fought back, applying full-court pressure resulting in backcourt steals on consecutive possessions, leading to two three-pointers by Columbus State that cut the lead to one with 35 seconds left. Galloway's two free throws and another Cougar basket kept the lead at one with 13 seconds remaining, 78-77. Pirates missed a one-and-one, giving the Cougars the ball and a chance to take the lead. Columbus drove the right baseline but failed to score when Galloway stepped in, taking the charge with 3.1 seconds left to preserve the victory. Corey Johnson led the Pirates with 21 points, while Brown finished with a career-high 18 points and 12 rebounds. Galloway had 17 points – 14 in the second half – for AASU.



Photo by Muona Malola

Pirates out play a tight offense and hustle for the rebound.

Strong defense pushes Pirates away from victory

By Kathryn Palmer
Staff Writer

The Pirates fought against Clayton State's unrelenting defense, but came up short with a 61-55 loss on Feb. 18 in Alumni Arena. Clayton State (12-11, 8-8 PBC) pushed the Pirates into 23 turnovers. The second half became Clayton State's advantage

as they forged ahead with a six-point lead, 52-46, with 3:41 remaining in the game. Senior Corey Johnson scored on back-to-back possessions, with a driving lay-up and three-pointer, which cut the lead to one, 52-51, with 3:04 left. However, Clayton State's

next possession resulted in a three-pointer, pushing the lead to four, and the Lakers held on for the win. Johnson finished the night with 15 points to lead all scorers, while T.T. Hall added 12 points and Jamaal Galloway came off the bench with 10 points for the Pirates.



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Trivia Quiz

McClatchy-Tribune News Service
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QUESTIONS:

1.) When was the last time Missouri was ranked No. 1 in the college football poll?

2.) When was the last time Kansas won a conference football title?

3.) Who gained more rushing yardage at the University of Kansas: Gale Sayers or John Riggins?

4.) How many Heisman Trophy winners have Missouri and Kansas produced?

5.) Name the two Pro Football Hall of Famers who played for the University of Missouri.

ANSWERS:

1.) The Missouri football team was last ranked No. 1 on Nov. 14, 1960.

2.) Kansas tied for first place in the Big Eight in 1968.

3.) Gale Sayers gained more rushing yardage at the University of Kansas (2,675 yards from 1962 to 1964) for fifth place on the school's all-time list; John Riggins gained 2,659 yards from 1968 to 1970 for sixth place. Note that both Sayers and Riggins are in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

4.) Surprisingly, neither Kansas nor Missouri has produced a Heisman Trophy winner. In fact, neither school has had a Heisman runner-up.

5.) Tight end Kellen Winslow (Class of 1995) and cornerback Roger Wehrli (Class of 2007) are the two Missouri players enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

compiled by Gregory Clay

Lady Pirates best Cougars for fifth win in last six

By Kathryn Palmer
Staff Writer

The Lady Pirates picked up their fifth victory in the last six games with a 73-54 win over Columbus. The Lady Pirates (16-9, 10-8 PBC) came ready to play and forged ahead early with a halftime lead of 34-25. To begin the second half, junior Lindsey Holmes hit five three-pointers in the first seven minutes to build an 18-point lead, 56-38. The Lady Cougars (15-9, 11-6 PBC) could not bounce back, allowing the Pirates to sail into a victory. The win evened the score of an earlier match-up—the 80-49 loss at Columbus State on Jan. 23. Junior Lacey Willis led AASU with 21 points and 10 rebounds while Holmes finished the night with 15 points, and senior Kaneetha Gordon added another 15 points.



Photo by Muona Malola
Kelly Versluis plays one-on-one defense against Colombus State.

Pirates defeat Lynn University

Women's

#2 Lady Pirates vs. #4 Lynn University- (7,2)
Feb. 23, 2008 at AASU Tennis Complex

Singles:

1. Iuliia Stupak (AASU) def. Victoria Weltz (LU) 6-1, 6-0
2. Johanna Dahlback (AASU) def. Alexandra Schunk (LU) 6-2, 6-3
3. Katerina Jiskrova (LU) def. Alida Muller-Wehlau (AASU) 4-6, 7-5, 10-6
4. Gabriella Kovacs (AASU) def. Magdalena Ekert (LU) 7-6, 6-4
5. Alisa Kagukina (AASU) def. Alisson Siaci (LU) 6-3, 6-3
6. Eleonora Iannozzi (LU) def. Martina Beckmann (AASU) 6-4, 6-4

Doubles:

1. Gabriella Kovacs/Iuliia Stupak (AASU) def. Alexandra Schunk/Victoria Weltz (LU) 8-5
2. Martina Beckmann/Alida Muller-Wehlau (AASU) def. Magdalena Ekert/Katerina Jiskrova (LU) 8-3
3. Johanna Dahlback/Alisa Kagukina (AASU) def. Eleonora Iannozzi/Alisson Siaci (LU) 8-3

Match Notes:
Lynn University, 6-1; National ranking #4
AASU, 7-0

Men's

#4 Pirates vs. #1 Lynn University- (8,1)
Feb. 23, 2008 at AASU Tennis Complex

Singles:

1. Tim Johannsen (AASU) def. Julien Carsuzaa (LU) 6-4, 0-6, 6-4
2. Robert Jendelund (AASU) def. Lorenzo Cava (LU) 6-2, 7-5
3. Rafael Array (AASU) def. Tomas Racak (LU) 6-4, 6-4
4. Paul Bishop (AASU) def. Alessandro Sarra (LU) 7-6 (7-2), 6-2
5. Diego Rodriguez (LU) def. Christian Bergh (AASU) 7-5, 2-6, 10-8
6. Davor Zink (AASU) def. Axel Joachim (LU) 6-7 (5-7), 6-1, 10-4

Doubles:

1. Rafael Array/Tim Johannsen (AASU) def. Lorenzo Cava/Julien Carsuzaa (LU) 8-3
2. Christian Bergh/Robert Jendelund (AASU) def. Tomas Racak/Diego Rodriguez (LU) 8-3
3. Paul Bishop/Davor Zink (AASU) def. Axel Joachim/Alessandro Sarra (LU) 8-3

Match Notes:
Lynn University, 4-2
AASU, 7-0

Give me an “A!”

By Jamison Dowd
Staff Writer

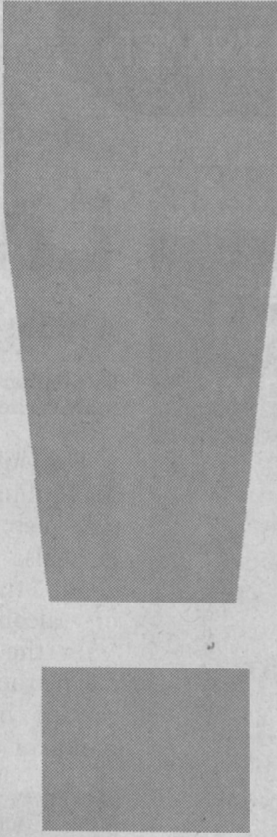
Senior Brooke Palmer originally came to Savannah for soccer from Clarkesville, Ga., where she attended Habersham Central High School. Unfortunately, with a torn ACL and meniscus tear, soccer proved to be too strenuous. Instead, Palmer turned to cheerleading. Despite her torn meniscus, she still does all of the more rigorous parts of cheerleading, such as tumbling. “The competition is a rush,” says Palmer, who has been cheerleading since she was nine and cheered throughout high school. Palmer is not the average stereotype of a cheerleader. When asked what she thinks about the stigma of being a

cheerleader, she said, “It does get to be catty at times, but I don’t let it bother me. I don’t really care what people think about me.” Despite some opinions, AASU’s cheerleaders are more than just a pretty, peppy plus at basketball games. Cheerleading is an extremely competitive sport. The cheerleading squad has both PBC and national competitions, in which they compete against top colleges around the country. “It takes a lot of dedication and is very time consuming around competition time,” said Palmer. However, those interested in cheerleading should attend tryouts in September or contact Head Coach Michele Quarells. The cheerleading program is not scholarship-based.



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Lady Pirates break losing streak to Clayton State

By Kathryn Palmer
Staff Writer

The women’s basketball team secured a 67-63 PBC victory over visiting Clayton State on Feb. 18 at Alumni Arena after senior Jasmine Herron’s three-point-er eliminated a 63-all tie. The Lady Pirates (15-9, 9-8 PBC) fought against Clayton State, who removed a 14-point second-half lead, tying the game with 61 seconds left. Herron dribbled around a ball screen and scored the three – her third three-pointer of the night – to put the Pirates ahead.

The Lakers (15-8, 10-6 PBC) struggled with four missed shots in the final 30 seconds as the Lady Pirates ended a nine-game losing streak to Clayton State that stretched all the way back to the 2003-04 season. Junior Lacey Willis led all scorers for the Lady Pirates with a career-high, notching 22 points on 6-of-12 floor and 10-of-15 free throws. Herron had 13 points, while senior Kaneetha Gordon added nine points and nine rebounds. Gordon’s nine points moved her in second place on the AASU all-time scoring chart with 1,278 points.



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Hot lava

Fraternity fundraiser is a big success for FIAT

By Stephanie Cooper
Staff Writer

Phi Iota Alpha (FIAT) enjoyed a night of success as they welcomed students to help them celebrate and raise money for their new fraternity on Feb. 21. Energy was flowing from everywhere as students danced the night away in the MCC.

Members of FIAT introduced themselves to people as they made sure their guests felt as comfortable as possible.

Soon after, they began pulling people from the wall to the dance floor to show off their moves. The red lights and fog machine were the perfect effect, for the volcanic scene, which was enhanced by the fact that dancers were dressed in red and white.

The music ranged from Latin and reggae to techno.

The members of FIAT set the bar for events this semester among the Greek life on campus.

The members are already promising that the next event they host will be bigger and better than this one. We will just have to wait and see if they can surpass their success from the Lava Flow event. Until then, be on the lookout for your chance to join the flow of Phi Iota Alpha.

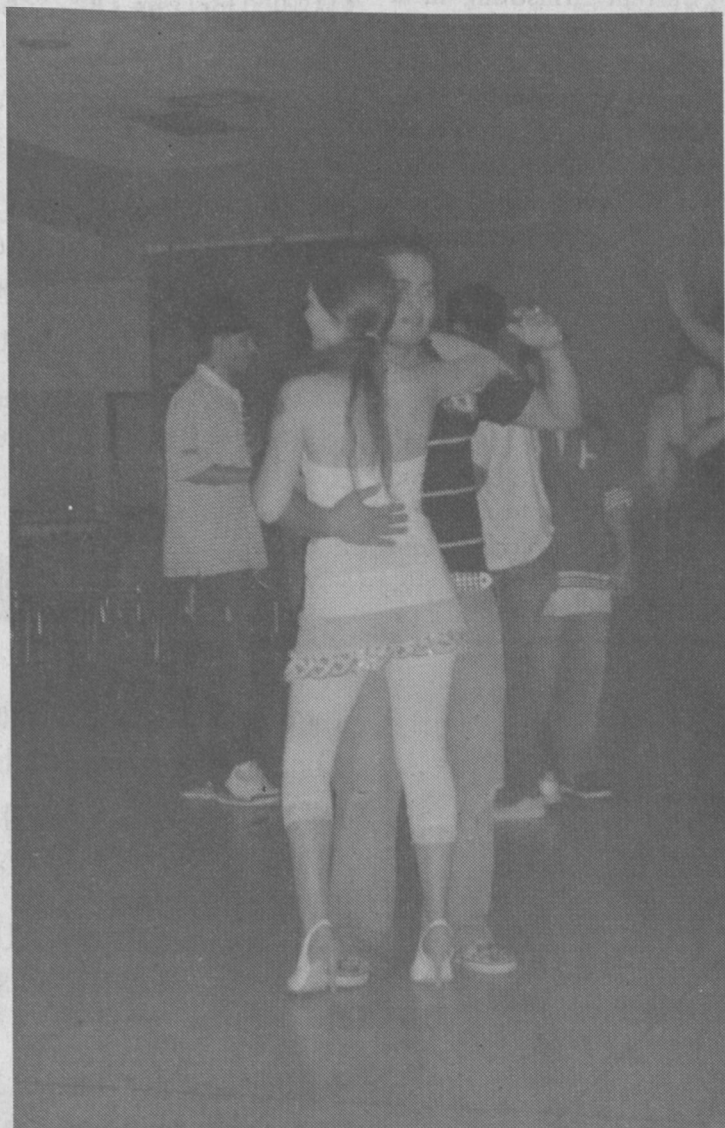


Photo by Stephanie Cooper

Students dance at FIAT's Lava Flow on Feb. 21.

Bonjour and bienvenue!

French Club holds monthly movie night for students

By Quatoyiah Murry
Sports Editor

The French Club held their monthly movie night on Feb. 21 in University Hall.

The film shown was "A La Folie ... Pas Du Tout" ("He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not"). Wonderfully directed, edited and acted, the film is told from two different perspectives and shows how the obsession of an art student and a respected doctor slowly destroys their lives.

The French Club screens a film for its members and the public once a month. French Club president Seghir Mourad says the point of the screenings is to help American students become familiar with

French culture and movies.

Mourad and faculty advisor Dr. Dorothee Mertz-Weigel are eager to expand awareness of the club in order to ultimately get a French studies major at AASU. Mourad also hopes to enact plans for French club members to travel to Louisiana for a tour of the French Quarter.

The next film shown will be the 2006 Oscar nominated, Cannes Film Festival and France's Caesar Award winner, "Indigenes" ("Days of Glory").

"Indigenes" is about the African men who enlisted in the French army to help free the country from Nazi oppression in World War II. Before the film was a

made, African French veterans received a smaller pension than the French veterans. However, after the film's release, a fairer pension distribution was enforced.

Students interested in joining the French Club are not required to speak French, and anyone interested in French culture or language is welcomed to join. The club is free and students interested in joining should attend the meetings or contact Seghir Mourad at seghir_mourad@yahoo.fr.

The next film screening will be March 6 at 7 p.m. in University Hall room 157. All films are screened with English subtitles.

The "Skyler's" the limit

Restaurant review

By Katie Staley
Staff Writer

Though it is not always easy to eat fine dining on a student budget, you do have to eat, and sometimes you crave something genuinely good.

Skyler's Fine Food and Spirits offers you just that.

Skyler's is located at 225 East Bay Street right below the East Bay Inn in the historic downtown Savannah area.

After walking into an open staircase, you find yourself immersed in a dining experience like none other.

The aura is definitely romantic, with candlelight and a relaxed setting; it is a great place for a date or special occasion. The menu features Western cuisine with an Eastern flair.

For example, the appetizers include spring rolls and dim sum (Asian dumplings), as well as shrimp cocktail

dressing. Also featured is the Moon's Chicken Salad, which is Napa cabbage, shredded chicken, almonds, red peppers and Moon's special dressing.

Entrees serve a wide range of tastes: If you want Italian, try the chicken marsala or chicken parmesan; Asian, try the teriyaki chicken or Mongolian beef; if it's seafood you crave, try the sautéed flounder, pan-seared salmon, whiskey shrimp or seafood platter. If you just want a

good hunk of meat, try the Steak Diane, Black Angus rib eye or the rack of lamb.

The appetizer and salad prices are reasonable; the entrees are more expensive, ranging from \$12.95-\$21.95.

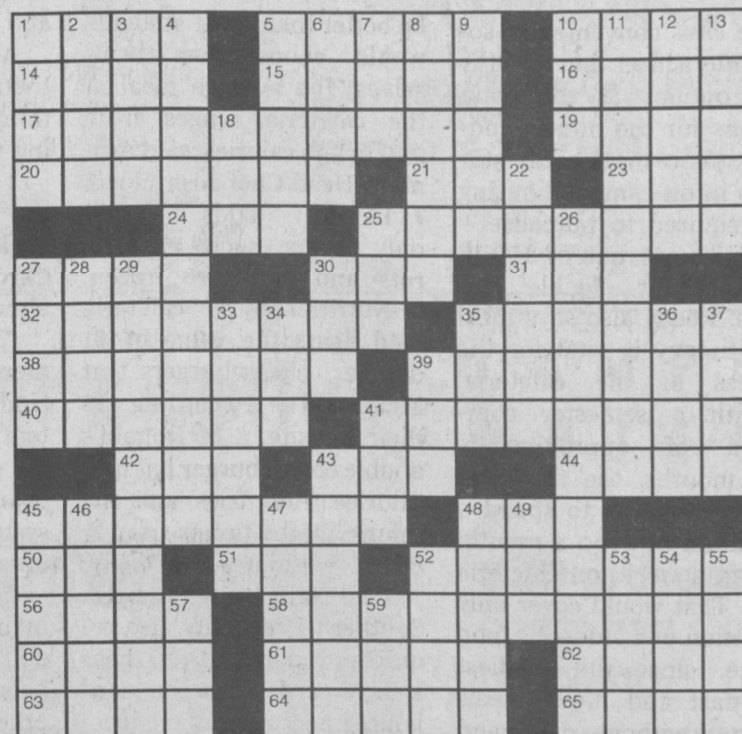


and a special Savannah crab cake. Their specialty salads include the Greek salad, which consists of mixed greens, tomatoes, sliced cucumbers, feta cheese and olives with creamy Greek

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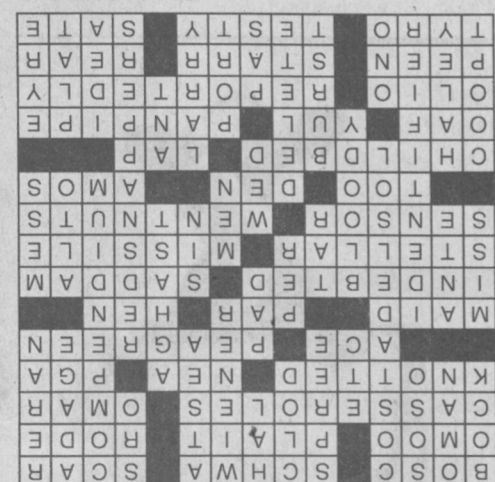
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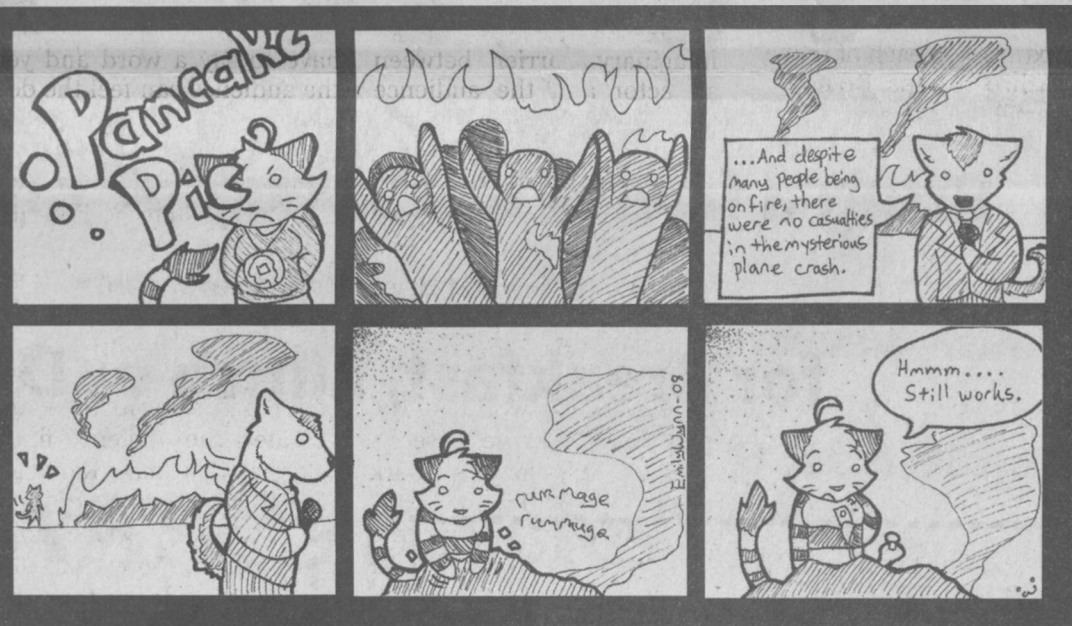
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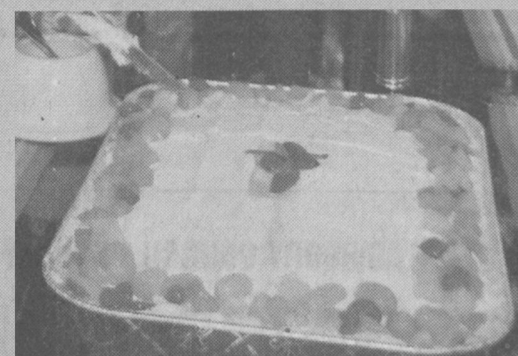
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TRES LECHES MEXICAN CAKE

By Regina Casanova
Staff Writer



INGREDIENTS:

- CAKE
- 2 cups cake flour
 - 3 teaspoons baking powder
 - 2 cups sugar
 - 1/3 cup oil
 - 6 large eggs
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 - 1/2 cup milk
 - 1 pinch of salt
 - 1 cake pan - 12 3/4 inches by 9 inches

- SAUCE
- 1 5 oz. can sweetened condensed milk
 - 1 5 oz. can evaporated milk
 - 1 8 oz. can Mexican whipping cream or "media crema"
 - 1 tablespoon rum (or brandy)
 - optional garnishes (crushed pecans, cherries, coconut and/or canned fruit)

PREPARATION:
Combine flour, baking powder and salt. In a separate bowl, combine the oil, sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla extract.

Add the eggs to the sugar mixture one at a time until well combined. Stir in the 1/2 cup of milk and then gently fold in the flour mixture a little at a time.

Pour batter into a lightly greased cake pan and bake at 325 degrees for 30-40 minutes or until it feels firm and an inserted toothpick comes out clean.

Let the cake cool to room temperature. Pierce cake with a fork 20-30 times. Let it cool in the refrigerator for an additional 30 minutes.

Whisk together 1/2 cup milk, 1 cup sweetened condensed milk, 1 cup evaporated milk and rum (or brandy). Slowly pour over cooled cake. Refrigerate for 1 hour. Occasionally, spoon the milk runoff back onto the cake.

Spread a thin layer of whipped cream over the cake. Top with a sprinkle of crushed pecans and then garnish with cherries, coconut and/or the canned fruit.

MEAL | FROM PAGE 1

He cites convenience, social interaction and healthy food options as the main reasons for the non-refundable \$400 meal cards students in on-campus housing are required to purchase – which comes out of HOPE accounts for eligible students. Reedy also says meal card money is vital for the success of the cafeteria.

With a semester comprised of approximately four months, the math requires residents to spend a minimum of \$100 a month, or \$25 a week, on cafeteria food. That would cover only a fraction of a student's food intake, since the smallest breakfast and lunch meals are \$1.99 without a drink, and the heavier meals are \$5.19 and \$6.19, including a drink.

But the nutrition might

be better than some students would choose for themselves; the average meal at the cafeteria ranges from 250 to 550 calories, said Aramark Head Chef Josh Lloyd.

Lloyd adds that only items such as carrots and corn are frozen.

Nutritionally, cafeteria food beats the value of \$1 double cheeseburgers at McDonald's. According to their website, a McDonald's double cheeseburger has 440 calories. Add fries and the caloric intake jumps to over 800 – without a soft drink.

Like Armstrong, Georgia Southern University also requires students to purchase a meal card – but this card is accepted at over 63 locations, 48 of which are located off campus, and includes grocery stores, bookstores

and even pet supply stores.

Al Harris of Student Activities said this is something Armstrong is striving to achieve in the future.

The system, referred to as the "Blackboard Commerce Package," will utilize "Pirate Cards," and will be accepted at almost every campus location.

"The Blackboard Commerce Package ... will include the community system component but will not be extended to area merchants until our campus systems are up and fully operational," Harris said.

"The first phase implemented will include the residential student's declining balance meal plan as well as other campus uses (vending machines, library copiers, bookstore purchases, residential laundry services, etc).

The new Pirate Card will also be used in conjunction with direct wired and wireless readers to verify enrollment status for campus services, including health, recreational, cultural and other events."

Current Armstrong meal plans are accepted at the coffee shop, cafeteria and the Quizno's in University Hall.

For students who need monetary assistance with food, a service called Angel Food Ministries supplies a month's supply of food per person for \$30. There are no financial requirements – as long as you are over 18 and under 100, you are able to purchase the package. For more information, please visit <http://www.angelfoodministries.com>.

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